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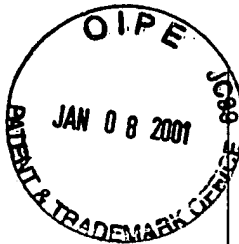
In the application of:

Hendrik L. BIJL et al.

Serial No.: 08/821,025

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL
BIOMASS AND ISOLATION OF A
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Examiner: Dr. Irene Marx

Group Art Unit: 1651

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Final Office action dated July 6, 2000. This extension will extend the time the response is due from October 6, 2000 to January 6, 2001.

- ☒ A three-month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$890.00.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,200.00 (including the \$310 Notice of Appeal Fee) is attached.

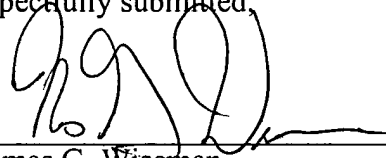
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 251502006900.

Respectfully submitted,



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